

of an administratively complete application, whichever is later. For purposes of this paragraph, a person includes, but is not limited to an official of any Federal, State, or local government agency.

(f) Within 30 days from the last publication of the newspaper notice, written comments or objections to an application for significant revision or renewal of a permit may be submitted to the regulatory authority by:

(1) Any person having an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the decision on the application; or

(2) Public entities notified under § 773.6(a)(3) of this chapter of the proposed mining operations on the environment within their areas of responsibility.

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§ 903.775 Administrative and judicial review of decisions.

Part 775 of this chapter, *Administrative and Judicial Review of Decisions*, applies to all decisions on permits.

§ 903.777 General content requirements for permit applications.

(a) Part 777 of this chapter, *General Content Requirements for Permit Applications*, applies to any person who makes application for a permit to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

(b) Any person who wishes to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations must file a complete application as early as possible before the date the permit is desired and pay to OSM a permit fee in accordance with § 903.736.

(c) Any person who wishes to revise a permit shall submit a complete application as early as possible before the desired approval date of the permit revision and shall pay a permit fee in accordance with 30 CFR 777.17.

§ 903.778 Permit applications—Minimum requirements for legal, financial, compliance, and related information.

Part 778 of this chapter, *Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Legal, Financial, Compliance, and Related Information*, applies to any person

who submits an application for a permit to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§ 903.779 Surface mining permit applications—Minimum requirements for information on environmental resources.

(a) Part 779 of this chapter, *Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources*, applies to any person who submits an application to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

(b) Each permit application must include a map that delineates existing vegetative types and a description of the plant communities within the proposed permit area and within any proposed reference area.

§ 903.780 Surface mining permit applications—Minimum requirements for reclamation and operation plan.

Part 780 of this chapter, *Surface Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan*, applies to any person who submits an application to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations.

§ 903.783 Underground mining permit applications—Minimum requirements for information on environmental resources.

(a) Part 783 of this chapter, *Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Information on Environmental Resources*, applies to any person who submits an application to conduct underground coal mining operations.

(b) Each permit application must include a map that delineates existing vegetative types and a description of the plant communities within the proposed permit area and within any proposed reference area.

§ 903.784 Underground mining permit applications—Minimum requirements for reclamation and operation plan.

Part 784 of this chapter, *Underground Mining Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Reclamation and Operation Plan*, applies to any person who

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submits an application to conduct underground coal mining operations.

§ 903.785 Requirements for permits for special categories of mining.

Part 785 of this chapter, *Requirements for permits for Special Categories of Mining*, applies to any person who submits an application for a permit to conduct certain categories of surface coal mining and reclamation operations as specified therein.

§ 903.795 Small operator assistance program.

Part 795 of this chapter, *Small Operator Assistance Program*, applies to any person who submits an application for assistance under the small operator assistance program.

§ 903.800 Bond and insurance requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations under regulatory programs.

(a) Part 800 of this chapter, *Bond and Insurance Requirements for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Under Regulatory Programs*, applies to all surface coal mining and reclamation operations, except for § 800.40(a)(1) of this chapter regarding the bond release application, for which paragraph (b) of this section substitutes.

(b) The permittee may file an application with the regulatory authority for the release of all or part of a performance bond. The application must be filed no later than 30 days before the end of the vegetation growing season in order to allow time for the regulatory authority to properly evaluate the completed reclamation operations. The appropriate times or seasons for the evaluation of certain types of reclamation shall be identified in the mining and reclamation plan required in subchapter G of this chapter and approved by the regulatory authority.

§ 903.815 Performance standards—Coal exploration.

Part 815 of this chapter, *Permanent Program Performance Standards—Coal Exploration*, applies to any person who conducts coal exploration.

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§ 903.816 Performance standards—Surface mining activities.

(a) Part 816 of this chapter, *Permanent Program Performance Standards—Surface Mining Activities*, applies to any person who conducts surface mining activities, except § 816.116(a)(1) of this chapter regarding revegetation success standards, for which paragraph (b) of this section substitutes.

(b) Standards for success shall be those identified at § 816.116(a)(2) and (b) of this chapter. Statistically valid sampling techniques for measuring success shall be included in the mining and reclamation plan and approved by the regulatory authority.

§ 903.817 Performance standards—Underground mining activities.

(a) Part 817 of this chapter, *Permanent Program Performance Standards—Underground Mining Activities*, applies to any person who conducts underground mining activities, except § 817.116(a)(1) of this chapter regarding revegetation success standards, for which paragraph (b) of this section substitutes.

(b) Standards for success shall be those identified at § 817.116(a)(2) and (b) of this chapter. Statistically valid sampling techniques for measuring success shall be included in the mining and reclamation plan and approved by the regulatory authority.

§ 903.819 Special performance standards—Auger mining.

Part 819 of this chapter, *Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—Auger Mining*, applies to any person who conducts surface coal mining operations that include auger mining.

§ 903.822 Special performance standards—Operations in alluvial valley floors.

Part 822 of this chapter, *Special Permanent Program Performance Standards—Operations in Alluvial Valley Floors*, applies to any person who conducts surface coal mining and reclamation operations on alluvial valley floors.